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The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World

The Statue of Liberty, located in New York Harbor, was a gift of friendship from France to the United States and is recognized as a universal symbol of freedom and democracy. The statue was designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, a French sculptor, and dedicated on October 28, 1886, by President Grover Cleveland. It was designated as a National Monument in 1924, and it became the National Park Service's responsibility to care for the copper statue in 1933.

The statue is of a robed female representing Libertas, the Roman goddess, who bears a torch and a tablet upon which is inscribed the date of the American Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776. The statue's pedestal was designed by the American architect Richard Morris Hunt.

In 1892, the U.S. Government opened a federal immigration station on Ellis Island, located near Bedloe's Island in Upper New York Bay. Between 1892 and 1954, some 12 million immigrants seeking a new and better life were processed on Ellis Island before enter the United States.

Today, the Statue of Liberty's copper skin has developed a distinctive green color after years of exposure to rain, wind and sun. It is one of the most recognized monuments in the world.

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